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ARMS RACE IN ORBIT AGAIN

The launching on January 2 of the Soviet Union's new "lunik" seems to e started Americans all over again on an orbit of anxiety, self-depreciation renewed determination to "catch up" and "forge ahead." Congressmen are anding more "moon shots"; generals warn solemnly of the grave military lications of the new achievement; and there is renewed scanning of school ricula to see where more science courses may be inserted in place of, say, humanities. The Russians clearly e scored a tremendous propaganda tory, and we must all gird up our ns for a long, hard competition.

It's the same old competition, of rse. Presumably there are valuable itions to human knowledge to be ned from the space probes, but, e the medical advances made in , these are incidental to the main pose. The main purpose is the s race, and the Soviets' alleged emendous victory" may be defined terms of Russia's demonstration of implied superior ability to destroy lions of human beings in minutes.

No doubt this impresses people all r the world, especially since the s race seems to be the only one to ich the West attaches any signifi- nce. Maybe it even wins their loy- y, since if a fight seems inevitable is human nature to try to line up h the likely winner. But is it what world's people want, or need?

Other scientists are warning about life-and-death implications of the rld's mushrooming population. Econo- st Barbara Ward reports that the untries outside the Western and mmunist blocs are sinking steadily o abysmal poverty. Aldous Huxley omily predicts that the demands of nger will submerge the whole demo- tic concept in a wave of totali- ianism.

No country on earth has the po- tial capacity ours has to launch major assault on these problems. No conceivable triumph in weapons technology would have the world appeal--*or the importance*--that this could have.

Sputniks and satellites and missiles deepen man's fear and impoverish his spirit. Man's need now is for the courageous voice to speak the moral word, the word of brotherhood, the word of God.

King to Visit India, Soviet

Martin Luther King Jr., noted leader of the Negro nonviolence movement in the South, will leave about February 1 for a visit to India and the Soviet Union sponsored in part by the FOR.

The young Baptist minister's first stop will be India where he is expected to have meetings with Prime Minister Nehru and other Indian leaders. This portion of his trip will be jointly sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, of which King is president

From India he will go to the Soviet Union, where he will spend two weeks under the joint sponsorship of the FOR and the American Baptist Convention.

It is expected that he will speak in the Baptist churches of Moscow and other Soviet cities, and describe the implications and importance of nonviolence.

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FOR Council to Meet in Evanston After CPM

The annual meeting of the National Council of the Fellowship, usually held in or near New York City, this year is scheduled for Evanston, Illinois. immediately following a national conference sponsored by the Church Peace Mission.

The CPM conference, which has as its theme "The Word of God in the Nuclear Age," will be held April 20-23 at the First Baptist Church in Evanston. Featured speakers include National Council of Churches President Edwin T. Dahlberg and Bishop Santo Uberto Barbieri, a president of the World Council of Churches. Both are FOR members. The Church Peace Mission is sponsored by the Historic Peace Churches, the FOR, and a number of denominational peace fellowships. FOR Secretary Emeritus A. J. Muste is its missioner, and New England Region Secretary Robert Gussner is serving organizing secretary for the conferenc

The decision to hold National Cou cil meetings immediately after t CPM conference was based on a d sire to enable Council members attend the important interdenomin tional sessions. Location of the Cou cil meetings has not yet been det mined, but will be in or near Evanst April 23-25.

Balloting for new members of t Council closes on January 15, and f mal notice of meetings will be mail soon after that date.

NV Training Session Starts January 29

The year's second national F "peace training program," this o specifically on the theory and tec nique of nonviolence, will begin national headquarters, Nyack, N.Y on January 29. The sessions will r from 8:30 Thursday morning throu 4 p.m., Sunday, February 1.

Morning sessions will be devot to lectures and discussion perio afternoons to the study of materia an actual direct action project, and study of a typical racially tense co munity; evenings will be given to ro playing and evaluation efforts.

The faculty will include Profs. D Dodson, Lowell B. Hazzard and Charl

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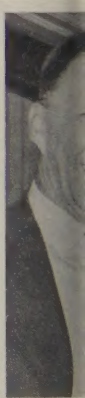

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VOLUNTEERS FOR PEACE training session, held at FOR headquarters, acclaimed a major success by its 36 participants, who came from 13 states

Lawrence, A. J. Muste, Albert elow, Richard B. Gregg and George Houser. Staff members taking part be James M. Lawson, Glenn ley, Lee Stern, John M. Swomley Charles Walker and Alfred Hassler. f. Earle Warner is conference ector.

ginia Negroes in yer Pilgrimage

In Richmond, Va., on Jan. 2, some 0 Negroes held a prayer meeting at Mosque Auditorium, stressing non-lence, and then walked 17 blocks the state capitol to plead for "a nge of heart and a change of policy the state of Virginia" on racial in-ration. The marchers, who were king compliance with the Supreme urt decision on public schools, e joined by about two dozen white npathizers.

g, Bigelow Among v FOR Members

Among nearly 400 new members en-ed in the Fellowship of Reconcilia-n during 1958 were two of the rld's best-known leaders in the d of nonviolent action. Both joined t month, capping a record year of mem-ship growth in recent FOR history. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., minister the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church Montgomery, Alabama, and president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, won world renown for his leadership of the year-long Montgomery "walk to freedom."

Albert Bigelow, Quaker architect and artist and World War II commander of a destroyer escort, served as skipper of the 30-foot ketch *Golden Rule*, whose attempt to sail into the Pacific nuclear test area last spring focused opinion around the world on the issue of ending nuclear tests.

CD Plans Ineffective, Says Senator

After eight years of work and nearly half a billion dollars of expenditures, U. S. civil defense is still unable to protect Americans from nuclear attack, a Congressional committee has reported.

"Eight years have produced blueprints for survival," said Senator A. Willis Robertson (D-Va.), chairman of the Joint Committee on Defense Production, on Jan. 3, "but blueprints alone won't save a single life, treat a single casualty, or feed a single citizen."

In its eighth annual report, the committee decried reliance on "retaliatory capability" and noted that the government has not provided any solution to problems of food production and distribution that would arise in the event of a nuclear attack. The com-

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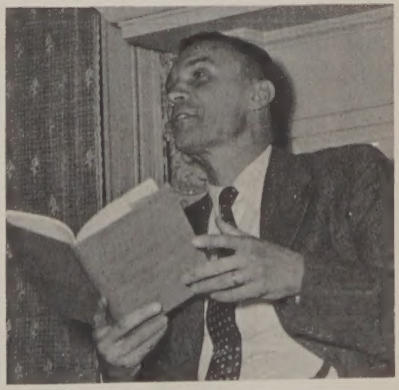

John M. Swomley Jr.

foreign countries. The four-day program included lectures and discussions some of America's best-known pacifist leaders, some of whom are shown above.

mittee stated that it is still waiting for reports due March 31, 1958, on methods of protecting "defense industries" from attack, and on emergency transportation plans. According to the committee's report, there is no program for informing public carriers (trains, buses, etc.) of radiation hazards or for conducting operations under fallout conditions.

The committee called for "an overall action program" which would presumably involve an outlay of a colossal amount of money.

SPD Protests Grilling of Refugees

The Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD) has protested the interrogation of refugees by Western intelligence officers. In a recent publication, the SPD called attention to the fact that persons fleeing from East Germany into West Berlin are, in effect, asked to act as spies or informers. "Many believe, because the Allied intelligence officers are the officials they meet, that they hav make extensive statements if want to secure the right to sta West Germany," the SPD state said. West Berlin officials are g no opportunity to inform the refu that they may safely decline to interrogated.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 30 -- Feb. 2. Internes in N violence training program. Mu Hazzard, Lawrence, Dodson, Gre Bigelow, Smiley *et al*, at FOR He quarters. Write: Earle H. Warner, F Box 271, Nyack, N. Y.

Feb. 13-15. AFSC Institute on "Al natives to Brinkmanship" at H Onandaga, Syracuse, N.Y. A. J. Mu Norman J. Whitney, Derk Bodde, B Gen. Hugh B. Hester, Caryl M. Kl Also showing of film, *Alternati* and folksong program. Write: L Gray, N. Y. State Peace Council, University Bldg., Syracuse 2, N.Y.

April 20-30. Church Peace Miss Conference at First Baptist Chu Evanston, Ill. Write: A. J. Mu Church Peace Mission, 1133 Broadw New York City.

August 5-12. International Confere of IFOR at Schloss Trautenfels, St ach, Ennstal, Austria, on theme "Po for Peace." Write: John Nevin Sa International FOR, Box 271, Ny N. Y.

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